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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-36 are pending. Claims 1-35 stand rejected. The Examiner is thanked for the telephone interview scheduled on June 21, 2007 in which Examiner agreed that claim 36 included allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 20 are amended and claim 36 is cancelled without prejudice. The subject matter of allowable claim 36 has been incorporated into claims 1 and 20 to render all pending claims in the application allowable.

No new matter is presented by the claim amendments.

Rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 20 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Office Action, at item 2, claims 1, 3 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lyer et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0203749, hereafter referred to as Lyer) in view of Flykt (WO 01-41395) in view of Inoue (U.S. Patent No. 6,587,882).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 20

Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 36.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1 and 20 are now allowable.

Claim 3

Claim 3, which includes all of the limitations of claim 1, is also submitted to be allowable for the same reasons as claim 1.

Rejection of Claims 2, 4-19, 21-28 and 35 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Office Action, at item 6, claims 2, 4-19, 21-18 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lyer and Inoue in further view of Wenzel et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0073439).

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Since it is submitted that claims 1 and 20 are rendered allowable due to the incorporation of subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, claims 2, 4, 5-19, 21-28 and 35 are also submitted to be allowable for at least the same reasons as those of claims 1 or 20 from which they depend.

Rejection of Claims 14-19 and 29-34 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

In the Office Action, at item 16, claims 14-19 and 29-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lyer, Flykt, Inoue and Wenzel in further view of Heller (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0147837).

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

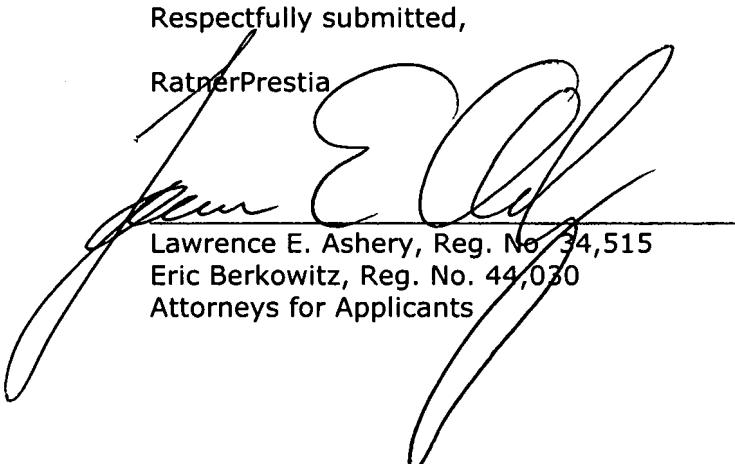
Since it is submitted that claims 1 and 20 are allowable because of the incorporation of subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable, it is also submitted that claims 14-19 and 29-34 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 20.

Conclusion

In view of the claim amendments and remarks, it is submitted the application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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